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REMARKS

Reconsideration of the application as amended is requested.

In the Office Action dated December 23, 2005, claims 11-25 were allowed, and claims 8-10 and 26 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by Carlson 2,033,855.

Rejected claims 8-10 and 26 have been canceled, and new claims 27-32 have been added. New claims 27-29 depend from allowed claim 16, and new claims 30-32 depend from allowed claim 17. No new matter has been added. Accordingly, all claims are now believed to be in condition for allowance, and a notice to this effect is earnestly solicited.

Applicants have made a concerted effort to place the present application in condition for allowance, and a notice to this effect is earnestly solicited. In the event there are any remaining informalities, the courtesy of a telephone call to the undersigned attorney would be appreciated.

Respectfully submitted,

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